

UP THE RIVERS

Friends of Treasury Officials

Working for Them.

TRACEWELL IN NO DANGER

Popular Indianan Has Support of

State Delegation.

TAFI TO REVIEW CADETS

Will Name Day for Parade—Jersey

City Invites President to Memorial Day Celebration.

There are some good Treasury places

for which there have been some quiet

maneuvering in the last month. Fore-

most among these is controller of the

Treasury.

Robert J. Tracewell of Indiana has

held the position for twelve years. His

Indiana influences have kept him where

he is, although at one time he was

President of the United States. He has

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CLAIM THEY ARE JUSTIFIED

PHILIPPINE COMMISSIONERS

SHOW MANILA DISPATCH.

Their Position on the Tariff Bill

Supported by the Filipino Chamber

of Commerce.

Messrs. Legarda and Ocampo, the

resident Philippine commissioners, today

received a cablegram from the president

of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce

which they regard as completely unjust.

Statements issued from the insular bu-

reau to the effect that the business in-

terests of the island are favorable to

the provisions of the Payne tariff bill.

Dispatch From Manila.

The text of the cablegram is as fol-

lows: "Manila, April 5, 1909.

"Legarda and Ocampo

"House of Representatives,

Washington.

"The Philippine Chamber of Commerce,

at a public meeting attended by a

large number of business men and

manufacturers, passed a resolution

urging the following amendments to

the bill: "Free entry into all ports of the

Philippine Islands of agricultural and

industrial machinery and implements,

and all other articles of commerce

in conformity with letters (a), (b) and

(c) of joint resolution No. 11 of the

Philippine legislature, passed May 18,

1908.

"And with view of protecting importations

already on hand, we request that the

bill, with amendments suggested

above, should not be in force until six

months after its passage.

"The letters referred to in the cable-

gram related to clauses limiting the

yearly importations into the United States

of Philippine sugar, 7,000,000 pounds

of raw tobacco and 100,000,000 cigars.

Presented to Philippine Assembly.

MANILA, April 5.—The insular com-

mission resolution relative to the Payne

tariff bill, a full summary of which has

been cabled to Washington, was pre-

sented to the Philippine assembly today.

The assembly, which is composed of

the Philippine Chamber of Commerce

and a committee of the popular branch

of the legislature.

SUSTAINS SEVERE BURNS.

Employee of Local Hotel in a Serious

Condition.

Tomasso Cellino of Ivy City, D. C., em-

ployed at the New Willard, was removed

to the Emergency Hospital this morning

suffering from burns about the abdomen

and body received as a result of his

catching fire. The condition of the

patient is said to be critical.

Cellino, who had been employed at the

hotel only four days, was cleaning silver-

ware this morning when his clothing ac-

cidentally caught fire from an alcohol lamp

which he had overturned. He was

burned about the abdomen and body

and is now in a serious condition.

CARDINAL TO ATTEND LECTURE

Will Hear Rev. E. A. Pace on Psy-

chology and Religion.

Cardinal Gibbons has signified his in-

tention to attend the lecture on "Psychology

and Religion," to be given this evening

at 8 o'clock in Rauscher's Hall, Con-

necticut avenue and L street, by Rev. E-

dward A. Pace, of the Catholic Univer-

sity of America. The lecture will be

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to seize the treasure on board a steamer

trading in the Caspian and make their

escape therewith into the Caucasus.

The steamer Czarvitch, with \$600,000

in specie on board, was about to sail

from Krasnodar yesterday morning

when the police appeared on board and

searched all the passengers.

Among them they discovered and ar-

rested the Georgian band, consisting

of twenty armed men under the leader-

ship of Lieut. Maslarsky, an officer of the

reserves. It was the intention of the

band to overpower the crew at sea, rob

the treasure room, and land with the

gold on the sparsely inhabited Caucasian

coast.

The Czarvitch proceeded after a delay

of five hours.

RULES AGAINST PETITIONERS

JUSTICE WRIGHT ACTS IN

"LIQUOR MANDAMUS" CASES.

Chamberlain Club, the Bartenders'

Union Club and James Stevens

Lose in Court.

The Chamberlain Club, the Bartenders'

Union Club and James Stevens have

lost their appeal to the courts to prevent

the closing of the clubs and the saloon of

Mr. Stevens under the order of the ex-

cise board refusing to renew their li-

censes. The proceedings in mandamus

to compel the issuance of the licenses

were also dismissed by Justice Wright

today.

Appeals will be noted by the defend-

ants, but the closing of their places can-

not be avoided unless a writ of manda-

mus is made with the excise board to

allow certain time in which to dispose

of the stock of liquor on hand.

Justice Wright held that a distinction

had to be drawn between a grant of a

franchise and a grant of a license.

One is a right to do business, the other

is a right to sell liquor. The excise

board is within the police power of the

sovereign to regulate the sale of liquor

to the point of absolute prohibition, and

to engage in it is a mere privilege which

expires with the expiration of the license.

The provisions of the statute, the court

said, to the effect that a license granted

shall not be "revoked or taken away" ex-

cept after a judicial conviction, applies

only to a license granted under the

excise board, and not to a license granted

under the charter of the city. The

excise board is not a part of the city

government, and its actions are not

subject to judicial review. The court

therefore held that the excise board

was not bound by the provisions of the

statute, and that it was within its

power to revoke a license at any time

it deemed proper. The court therefore

dismissed the appeal of the defendants.

Power of Excise Board.

But in determining whether a renewal

shall be had, Justice Wright said, the

power of the excise board is as broad as

it was at the time of the original ap-

plication—that is, the question of renewal

is in the discretion of the board.

Whether this is an arbitrary or a

judicial discretion is immaterial in the

case before the court. The question is

whether the discretion is a judicial one

that does not mean that the investiga-

tions of the board must be conducted ac-

cording to the rules of evidence. The

board is not a court, and its actions

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LOW PRICE FOR STREET LIGHTS.

Present Bidder Takes Five Cents Off

for Three-Year Contract.

When bids for lighting the streets by

gas and naphtha lamps were opened

today at the boardroom of the Dis-

trict building it was found that the

present contractor for street lighting,

the American Street Lighting Company,

offers to furnish gas lighting at a rate

of five cents per lamp per annum than